



**Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans (IMMT)  
Programs & Best Practices Sub-Committee Meeting  
August 23, 2022  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Members Present**

Dara Gray Basley  
Patrick Hostert  
Patti Lee King  
Ellen Mason  
Cynthia Price  
Joanna Su  
Santina Wheat

**IDPH**

Kenya McRae

**Guests**

Curtizia Alexander  
Julie Hamos  
Dani Mendez  
Lori Orr  
Arlether Paraharm

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**Call to Order & Roll Call**

The subcommittee meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm with a welcome from Dara Gray Basley, Subcommittee Chair. Roll was taken, the agenda reviewed, and Minutes from the June 2022 meeting were reviewed. Joanna Su made a motion to accept the minutes with minor corrects, Ellen Mason seconded the motion and the subcommittee unanimously approved.

**Follow-up Discussion on Family Case Management (FCM)**

Dara asked the members if there were any outstanding questions or concerns regarding FCM that they wanted to discuss. It was mentioned the group needed to follow up with DHS to receive a list of data items it collects regarding FCM. Also, the group went over the questions that were previously created for guest speakers and agreed that it did not touch on all the questions during the presentations. Kenya will ask the guests from Access and DHS to complete the questions to provide additional context to the previous discussion. Access represents the medical model perspective of FCM.

There was a suggestion that the group ask Sinai Institute to answer the questions to obtain FCM information from the perspective of a WIC entity with FCM. Dara stated that she will try to identify a CBO with FCM to address the questions send the information to (she will ask Gabby). Also asking them to share their presentations.

### **Mapping Programs to Key Issues in Maternal and Infant Mortality**

Dara mentioned that it was important to try to ground the work into what the group is trying to achieve – finding the key drivers to infant and maternal health. The group will focus on state programs, and then move to programs in other states. Kenya will send out the last Infant Mortality Report and Maternal Mortality Report. For future guest speakers, the group will provide the list of indicators to the invitees so that they can include how the programs address the key indicators.

### **Next Program for Review**

The next program the group would like to review is Family Connects. The group will invite CDPH, a Chicago hospital involved in Family Connects, and someone from the Family Connect program in Peoria or Stephenson County. The group will also invite Arden Handler to participate to discuss the evaluation UIC conducted (Kenya will resend the evaluation report).

Family Connects will be discussed over two meetings. The first meeting will consist of reviewing the report for the first 30 minutes and then have one group present for the second half of the meeting. The remaining groups/individuals will present at the second meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Public Comment #1: There was a question about how to get involved in the subcommittee. Kenya asked the person to reach out to her via email.

### **Adjournment**

With nothing further to discuss, Santina Wheat made a motion to adjourn, Cynthia Price seconded the motion and the group unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.